

Evaluating Electronic Sources

Directions: For each project, make the choice specified. Circle the answer that *best* fits the choice. When prompted, give reasons for your choice.

1. **Project:** a research paper about the history of the Super Bowl games. **Choice:** Choose the *most* relevant and trustworthy source.

- a. National Football League: nfl.com
- b. Best Ever Super Bowl Team: besteversuperbowlteam.net
- c. Buy Super Bowl Ticket: buysuperbowltix.com

2. Give your reasons for the choice you made for Question 1.

3. **Project:** presentation on the way dinosaur skeletons are set up in museums
Choice: One Web site found by a search engine has the following name and address: National Museum of Natural History: www.nmnh.org. Without going to the site, which evaluation is *most* appropriate?

- a. The source does not seem to be relevant because it does not have “dinosaur” in its title.
- b. The source seems to be relevant, because it represents a museum that seems to specialize in the topic.
- c. The source seems to be relevant, because it has a .org suffix and so is a reliable nonprofit organization.

4. **Project:** a short story, in the historical fiction genre, about the making of the film *The Wizard of Oz*. **Choice:** Which Web site looks *most* promising for your search?

- a. the Web site for a club of *Wizard of Oz* fans
- b. the official Web site for the movie
- c. a recent article about an auction of *Wizard of Oz* memorabilia

- B. Directions:** Describe in 2 to 3 sentences how you would search online for information about a recent news event. Include which types of sources are likely to be the most reliable.

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